



IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows, and cancel claims 3 and 11-13 and 15 as set forth in the complete listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) A multi-purpose dental tool for use in conjunction with an existing root canal file having a rubber stopper inserted thereon, comprising:

a handle formed as an elongate shaft having an operative first end and a second end;
a dental mirror integrally attached to the operative first end of said handle shaft; and
a measuring device comprising a channel formed integrally in the second end of the handle shaft and defined by an open-faced groove having a semi-circular cross-section and diameter of approximately 1.0 mm adapted to conform to and receive ~~an~~ said existing root canal file inserted lengthwise therein, said groove opening distally into the second end of said shaft and extending open-faced from the second end along a length of said handle for receiving said existing root canal file during said lengthwise insertion until said stopper abuts the second end of said shaft, and measuring lines equally-spaced along said shaft proximate said channel for demarcating millimeters and major intervals at every 5 millimeters along an extent of said channel relative to said second;

said handle, mirror and measuring device being integrally formed from an autoclavable and chemoclavable material consisting of one from among the group of fiberglass, plastic, ABS plastic, glass filled resin, stainless steel, nickel chrome steel, and polymers;

whereby said open-faced groove positions and secures said file therein, and said

measuring lines provide a visual indication of ~~an extent to which a root canal file is inserted~~
therein an offset of said stopper to a tip of said root canal file.

2-4.(Canceled)

5.(Previously Presented) The multi-purpose tool of claim 1, wherein said dental mirror is circular mirror having an approximate 22-24 mm diameter and mounted on said elongated shaft at an angle of approximately 45 degrees.

6.(Canceled)

7.(Previously Presented) The multi-purpose dental tool of claim 1, wherein said groove extends into the second end of said shaft approximately 30 mm lengthwise along said shaft adjacent said measuring lines, for receiving and measuring said root canal file.

8-9.(Canceled)

10.(Previously Presented) The multi-purpose dental tool of claim 7, wherein said internal channel is cylindrical in shape having a diameter of approximately 1.0 mm.